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Saturday, February 2, 1952.

I had a talk with Bill Pawley this morning about the various bottlenecks which are affecting the spending of American money in France in connection with the defense effort. There is so much bureaucracy and re. tape mixed up with this on both sides of the Atlantic that at times one gains the impression that no contracts will ever be placed. This has gone on for month after month with thousands of cables going back and forth, to say nothing of hundreds of experts and functionaries, and thus far with [redacted] little result.

This afternoon I went to a meeting in M. Parodi's office, attended by the British, French and ourselves to discuss security controls. The French are still insistent that security controls should be covered in the contractual arrangements with Germany. The British feel [redacted] this method has been tried and is unacceptable to the Germans, and would like a unilateral declaration.

We are inclined to favor the British point of view

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for the same reasons advanced by them. However, I made a suggestion which may be acceptable to the French, namely, that the EDC treaty make reference to the obligation on the part of the Commissariat to observe punctiliously the terms of all agreements, declarations, etc. entered into by member states.

We went down to Versailles to spend the night.

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